

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
May 9, 2018

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Monongahela, due notice of which meeting was published according to law, held Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 7 P.M. in Council Chambers. In the absence of Mayor Kepics, the meeting was called to order by Councilman Ken Kulak who led in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called and the following present:

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Before the start of public forum, Councilwoman Williams made the following statement. She said that she takes full responsibility for choosing Chess Park as a drop-off location in the Great American Clean Up Movement. She never expected the amount of refuse that was dropped off. The clean-up was very successful and raised awareness in our community that we need more clean-up events. Chess Park is now back to normal thanks to an amazing response.

Public Forum: Councilman Kulak reminded everyone of the three (3) minute time limit.

Kathleen Bordini, 123 Church Street, extended her thanks for taking care of the problem which she presented at the March council meeting. She also thanked Les Pemberton for a job well done.

Attorney Agrafiotis, Charleroi, said he was present for the sale of the Armory. A proposed agreement of sale was presented by our Solicitor Pappasergi and it will be reviewed by himself and buyer John Brice. He also represents Walter Seal about the no parking on Frye Street as a result of Bill 1-2018 which was adopted by council. He said he had hoped to work something out with the owner of the property who has objected but he has made no effort to contact him.

Michelle Parnell, 31 Decker Street, informed council she has received approval from Monongahela Cemetery to start a community garden there. She attended the dedication of the community garden in Donora and has backing from the Donora officials and the county commissioners. Any questions can be obtained at moncitygarden@gmail.com.

James Braum, 503 Park Avenue, said that someone was on social media complaining about the Norfolk Southern trains excessively blowing their horns. He asked that if this subject was brought up, that council don't listen to it.

Robert Harding, Cassidy, said he was concerned about the status of Hillcrest Park. Councilman Polonoli said it will not become a thru-way to travel and there will be no vehicle parking at all.

Corinna Withrow, 401 Sycamore Street, announced that on May 14 blue ribbons will be placed in Chess Park for each police officer who has been killed this year in the line of duty. Then on May 16 Officer Lenzi will be at Little City Coffee from 1:00 to 5:00 to chat and meet residents. On May 17 a bike and safety course will be presented at Chess Park where reflectors will be given out and placed on bikes. The pooch parade will be May 26.

Chad DeSantis, Decker Street, thanked Councilwoman Williams for apologizing for the Chess Park fiasco. He commended the city in its efforts to publish the Police Reports and Code Enforcement Reports on line. He also apologized to City Clerk Carole Foglia for his direct aggression to her at the last council meeting.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, said the Monongahela Main Street is starting its summer season on May 19 by planting flowers in the planters along Main Street.

problem on Fourth Street could be resolved. She has a handicapped sign and parks two cars on the sidewalk and received parking tickets the day before. She complained about the speed limit but it is a state highway and Penndot raised the speed limit ten more miles per hour. Police Chief Tempest said the police department was directed to tag all cars parked on the sidewalks on Fourth Street and Park Avenue.

David Critchfield, 423 Fourth Street, asked if speed bumps could be put on Fourth Street as his cars have been hit five times. Chief Tempest suggested writing to our state representatives since it is a state highway. It was also said there are public works under the sidewalks which can cause damage when parked on them and the violators would be responsible.

Mary Babich, 501 Park Avenue, said she has a disabled son who sits on her porch and she is afraid he will be hit by the excessive speeding of cars and bikes. Solicitor Pappasergi said the city will continue to investigate areas of illegal parking and the speeding.

Kathy Hamilton, 606 Fourth Street, said she is happy about the tagging of cars parked on sidewalks as they should be clear to walk on, but feels the speed limit has to be changed.

State Representative Bud Cook, 49th District, informed council that the same protocol was followed as last year for the Great American Clean Up Movement, but there was some miscommunication and things went wrong. Regardless of the promises that were made, whatever half of that bill remains, he said he would personally cover it. Plans are underway in Harrisburg for Senate Bill 800 which is for the recycling of tires and televisions.

Councilman Kulak asked Rep. Cook if our concerns tonight could be our notification to him to help the city facilitate Penndot into looking into our speed limit issues on Park Avenue and Fourth Street. Rep. Cook said these are serious issues and urged residents to send letters and petitions and he pledged that he would meet with Penndot in hopes of a future solution.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Police Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared by Councilman kulak.

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilwoman Williams, seconded by Councilman Polonoli, the Code Enforcement Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Councilman Kulak.

Resolution 5-2018 Greenways Trails Project

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, Resolution 5-2018 be approved as read, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Councilman Kulak.

Resolution 6-2018 Mounds & Hillcrests Parks Grant

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, Resolution 6-2018 be approved as read, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Councilman Kulak.

City Clerk Carole Foglia read a statement informing council of the upcoming USS Monongahela reunion. It is on June 15 with plans to hold a meet and greet at the Aquatorium. A future agenda is forthcoming.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

In the absence of Mayor Kepics, Councilman Kulak asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of April 11, 2018. There being none, the minutes were approved. In his finance report, he asked council to watch their spending.

Report of Public Safety:

Councilwoman Williams announced that items that can be picked up with our trash collection, will now be posted on the city's web page.

Report of Streets: None

Report of Parks & Property:

Councilman Polonoli announced that the gazebo is under construction with a two week turn-around. On May 23 Key Bank employees will paint at the gazebo as part of a project of the bank. He thanked Willis and Joe Gottselig for cutting grass in 1st ward and also Chris Bartkus, Aaron Leasure and Daryl Miller for cutting grass at the rest of city properties. The MARC Organization has asked permission to fundraise for a handicapped swing at the Mounds.

Report of Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest announced the Memorial Day Parade will be on May 28 beginning at 9 A.M. and at 2:30 the opening of the time capsule at Chess Park. A grant was received from the state to enforce seat belts. Because of the recent problems on Park Avenue and Fourth Street, he would like to focus on those two areas.

Councilman Kulak also announced that on May 30 at the Aquatorium a service will be held honoring the 100th anniversary of World War I.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, all properly and approved bills be paid, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Councilman Kulak and so ordered.

It was moved by Councilman Kulak, seconded by Councilman Miller, council adjourn, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Ken Kulak
Claudia Williams
Daryl Miller
William Polonoli

Total Yeas 4
Nays 0


The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Councilman Kulak and so ordered.

Councilman Kulak then declared council adjourned.



Councilman Ken Kulak

Attest:


City Clerk